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SUBJECT: NORTHERN IRELAND VIOLENCE FOLLOWS STAGG DEATH

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1. ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY POLICE RESERVIST ON FOOT PATROL IN COUNTY DERRY VILLAGE OF CLAUDY KILLED BY GUNMEN NIGHT FEB. 12 AND COMPANION WOUNDED. CIVILIAN KILLED IN BOMB EXPLOSION IN HOUSE LOWER FALLS AREA WEST BELFAST AND SEVERAL OTHERS IN HOUSE INJURED. EXPLOSION MAY HAVE BEEN PREMATURE DETONATION OF DEVICE UNDERGOING PREPARATION. THERE MORE THAN SEVENTY FIRES THROUGHOUT PROVINCE FEB. 12 AND EARLY MORNING FEB. 13 PARTICULARLY CONCENTRATED IN BELFAST, BUT OCCURRING ALSO IN LONDONDERRY, ARMAGH, NEWRY AND ON MAIN AND SECONDARY ROADS. MOST FIRES WERE OF HIJACKED VEHICLES, BUSES, TRUCKS AND PRIVATE CARS BUT THERE ALSO MAJOR FIRES IN STORES AND HOUSES IN NORTH AND WEST BELFAST. IN BELFAST THERE AT LEAST FIVE SHOOTING INCIDENTS REPORTED IN WHICH TROOPS OR POLICE FIRED UPON. FROM VOLUME OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRING HEARD CONTINUING THROUGHOUT NIGHT

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THERE APPARENTLY MAY INCIDENTS UNREPORTED. DESPITE WIDESPREAD

NATURE OF VIOLENCE IT SEEMS UNCOORDINATED AND CONGEN DOES NOT BELIEVE PROVISIONAL IRA HAS YET LAUNCHED ITS MAIN CAMPAIGN OF "RETALIATION." FOLLOWING TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION WEST BELFAST NIGHT FEB. 12 PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN VICE PRESIDENT MAIRE DRUMM APPEALED TO YOUNG PEOPLE NOT TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST BRITISH. LEAVE VENGEANCE TO YOUR BROTHERS IN THE PROVISIONAL IRA SHE SAID.

2. MOVEMENT TRAFFIC BELFAST AND OTHER AREAS CONTINUES BE DISRUPTED AND VEHICLES STILL BEING HIJACKED AND BURNED. EMBASSIES LONDON AND DUBLIN, IF AWARE OF TOURISTS PLANNING VISIT NORTHERN IRELAND IN NEXT WEEK, MAY WISH CONSIDER ALERTING THEM TO AVOID WEST AND NORTH BELFAST. IF ARRIVING BY AIR TRAVELERS SHOULD ENTER BELFAST FROM ALDERGROVE AIRPORT VIA TEMPLEPATRICK AND M2 MOTORWAY AND, IF TRAVELLING BY CAR FROM DUBLIN TO BELFAST, SHOULD LEAVE M1 EITHER AT OR BEFORE LISBURN TURN-OFF OR PROCEED TO SHAFTESBURY SQUARE EXIT.  
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